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SUBJ: CONVERSION OF HEROIN TO MORPHINE AND CODEINE; POSSIBLE SALE
OF HEROIN TO PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

REF: (A) STATE 175144 (B) BANGKOK 20880 (C) STATE 197939

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1. DURING AMBASSADOR VANCE'S CALL ON THE THAI MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON NOV 22 (REF D) HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SALE OF SEIZED MORPHINE AND HEROIN TO PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES. THE THAI HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS TYPE OF DISPOSAL, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED THIS MATTER WITH THE EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY (REFS A AND C), BUT, WHILE WE HAVE ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON DISPOSAL OF OPIUM, AND CONVERSIONS OF OPIUM TO OTHER DRUGS, WE HAVE NONE REGARDING THE CONVERSION OF HEROIN OR THE POSSIBILITY OF SALE TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS (REF B).

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY TECHNICAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON CONVERSION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF HEROIN TO MORPHINE AND CODEINE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES MENTIONED IN REF C, SO THAT WE CAN PASS THEM TO THE THAI.

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